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NOT A PARTY ISSUE.

President Wilson's plan to ask Republican as well as Democratic support for the military defense program is an indication of the growing tendency to break party lines in the discussion of vital legislation in this country.

Even that bulwark of the parties, the tariff question, will ultimately be taken from the realm of partisan control, and schedule-making put in the hands of a non-partisan tariff board, made up of experts. The high-protectionists and the tariff-for-revenue-only chaps will still continue their unending debate, but the facts will be furnished by scientifically-equipped men.

There is no reason why the matter of military defense should be made a party issue. Some Republicans are pacifists, against a larger army and navy than Uncle Sam has at present; some Democrats are keen for military and naval expansion; and each party has plenty of men on both sides of the defense question. No tradition dating from those well-known oaks in Jackson, Michigan, under which the Republican party was born, calls upon the G. O. P. forces to take one side or the other; no Jeffersonian dictum bids the Bourbons be either militarists or pacifists. A division by parties on this matter of defense would be purely artificial. Perhaps a year or two of discussion will crystallize the party positions so that there will be a distinct line of cleavage, but none has yet appeared. And we are inclined to think that in appealing to both parties in Congress, the president will assure support for a sane and constructive program which will be a surrender neither to the flabby ultra-pacifists nor to the jingoistic ultra-militarists.

OFFICIALS WHO GET RESULTS.

Two groups of businessmen this week have heard the territorial administration praised. Speaking at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Wednesday, Mr. A. Lewis, Jr., said that the governor has won confidence in the business community and Mr. S. S. Paxson declared this is the first time a territorial administration has come before the businessmen with a concrete program. Mr. Paxson reiterated his remarks yesterday at the Rotary Club luncheon, and their truth was testified by the fact that two members of the territorial "cabinet," Superintendent Forbes and Adjutant-General Johnson, N. G. H., were luncheon speakers and each outlined some interesting territorial plans.

Both Mr. Forbes and Col. Johnson state their plans openly, frankly and with business directness. That is one reason why both of them are getting results.

BRITISH MINISTERS UNDER FIRE.

British censorship sits tight in the saddle and spurs hard when suppressing the events of the war but there seems to be less and less effort to suppress the news of dissatisfaction and criticism at home.

The Star-Bulletin has just received a copy of "Britannia" which appears to be a suffragette organ and which bears the further title "For King, For Country, For Freedom." But evidently it isn't for some of the present British leaders. One whole page is given up to an announcement headed in large black type "To Save the Country. Urgently Needed," and the list of things the "Britannia" thinks are urgently needed includes the following:

"The resignation of Sir Edward Grey, whose war methods and sea policy for the future have proved to be a danger to the nation and to the cause of the Allies."

"The resignation also of Lord Robert Cecil, who is identified with the same dangerous policy."

"The disappearance from the public service of Sir Eyre Crowe, the principal permanent servant at the foreign office, who is connected with Germany both by birth and marriage."

"Closer cooperation between the Allies and improved coordination of their policy, especially in the diplomatic sphere. (The Germans are rejoicing at the Allies' weakness in this respect, and see therein the chance of German victory.) This reform to be brought about by the establishment during the war of a diplomatic center for the whole alliance, which should be nearer to the storm center of the war than London is."

"This also is urgently necessary: That decisions concerning naval no less than military and diplomatic policy shall be made and announced by the Allies jointly, instead of be-

ing made and announced by Great Britain alone!"

"CANNON FOOD" STILL PLENTY.

Appropos of the large number of soldiers reported killed during the present European war, one frequently hears the remark, "If they keep on killing them off at this rate there will soon be none left to fight."

Let us see how that figures out:

The total population of the earth is placed at 1,732,000,000. Nearly 22 per cent of the total population is engaged in the present war. The population of the Allied nations at war is as follows: Great Britain, 45,000,000; France, 45,000,000; Russia, 141,000,000; Italy, 35,000,000; Belgium, 8,000,000; Japan, 53,000,000; Serbia, 4,500,000; Montenegro, 500,000. The population of the countries on the Teutonic side is as follows: Germany, 65,000,000; Austria-Hungary, 50,000,000; Turkey, 21,000,000. The total of the Allies is 326,500,000; the total of the Teutons is 136,000,000.

The total population of the nations at war, as given above, is 462,500,000. With Rumania, Bulgaria and Greece taking a hand in the conflict the total is raised to 479,000,000. Allowing one-half of the combined population to be males, and only one male out of ten actively engaged in warfare, there would be something like 23,950,000 soldiers to be killed off before that state of "none left to fight" arrived.

AMERICAN SHIPS HAVE VANISHED.

Several United States army officers arrived in San Francisco one day this week homeward bound from the Philippines and Hawaii.

We are heartily ashamed to say that the only way these officers could cross the Pacific was in a Japanese ship.

We desire particularly to call the attention of Secretary McAdoo to this statement. It was he, if recollection serves us right, who dismissed the assertion of the American owners of American Pacific liners that they would have to go out of business if the La Follette bill was made law, with the contemptuous remark that they would be found still doing business when the law was passed and enforced.

Thirty-seven hundred and three men in the National Guard yesterday—and Col. Samuel Johnson says that three months ago there were something like five hundred, counting out those who had quit, resigned or were in jail but whose names were still kept on the rolls. Now if the Allies could only recruit soldiers in like proportion—

A Chicago newspaper correspondent has this to say about "dry" Rockford: "Rockford, Illinois, gets no money from saloon licenses, yet it has spent proportionately more money than any other city of its rank in Illinois for schools, streets and all city purposes. It has one policeman to every 1800 of population. Chicago has one to every 500."

It is estimated that 16,357 people yesterday said, "Is it wet enough for you?" It is also computed that 13,459 remarked "It never rains but it pours." Thus drawing attention to the time-worn adage that there's nothing dry under the sun.

David Lloyd-George is bulking bigger and bigger in the affairs of the Allies. One of the reasons is that he is a man of the people, he knows the people, he thinks first of the people.

Be it remembered that the last "great naval engagement" in the North Sea was afterward proved, by perfectly efficient scientists, to be nought but the noise of fog explosions.

William Jennings Bryan is said to derive great encouragement from the fact that Henry Ford agrees with him. That's because Henry hasn't known him very long.

An Austrian named Flaragrady is figuring in the despatches. Must be a brother Hibernian of the Japanese named Oyama.

The Ancona incident would seem to require an entirely new set of notes, directed, however, at Vienna.

The task of fixing Kalakaua avenue has a general resemblance to that of unscrambling eggs.

Might as well begin calling him Emperor Yuan Shih-Kai.

COPIES MEASUREMENTS OF ARK TO SAVE SHAFTER MULES AND CATS

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence) **PORT SHAFTER, Nov. 12.**—Unwonted activity among the carpenters of the Q. M. Corps this morning aroused much comment, and there was a certain hush amongst some of the men when they saw the boss carpenter sitting seriously at a table with pencil, rule, paper and—of all things—a Bible.

Amusement ceased when they found that in this time of food and storm he was copying the measurements of the ark with the grim determination of saving the mules and the horses, and possibly the forty-eleven cats which seem to pass a perpetual dolce far niente around the Q. M. Corps' habitations. The mere human beings of the post did not seem to bother him any.

Certainly, a little of such weather as we have had in the post will go a long, long way with all of us, and a few repetitions of Wednesday's cloud burst would come near to abolishing the place. As a result of it all the

Fort Shafter Notes

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence) **PORT SHAFTER, Nov. 11.**—A short time ago a dance was given by the 2nd Infantry band for the purpose of raising funds for furniture not furnished by the government to equip their new mess hall and kitchen. The dance was a most successful affair and a goodly sum was realized and now the band will have one of the most attractive buildings in the post when the furnishings are all in. The building, which is now in the course of construction, will be finished very shortly and then the members of this organization will have their mess hall adjacent to their barracks. The new building is located between the band barracks and the bakery.

Maj. Van Poole, Medical Corps, surgeon at the Fort, has written the post commander a letter informing the garrison that the death of the young child of Sergt. 1st Cl. Hayes, Hospital corps, who died on Monday, was caused from dysentery and that this was the second death from this disease as 1st Sergt. Whitaker's child died from the same cause about two weeks ago. Capt. Foucar, Medical corps, on duty in the department hospital in charge of the laboratory, says that dysentery in both cases was caused by the Hiss-Russell bacillus. This organism is present in the post and is most virulent in its action and practically nothing can be done by way of medication after it has gained entrance to the system. The surgeon recommends that all officers, non-commissioned officers and enlisted men having families be notified that Capt. Foucar is now preparing a vaccine which will be kept at the post dispensary and those desiring it can have their children given an immunizing dose. The post commander has urged upon all having children that they immunize as recommended by the surgeon.

A dividend has been declared by the Post Exchange of \$2 a share and this was paid to the companies on Thursday, each company receiving \$380 on its stock. This money will be used by the companies for the purchase of various articles of luxury for the companies.

Upon the recommendation of the commanding officer of Machine Gun Company the following appointment has been made in that organization: Pvt. Richard Stockton, Company D, to be corporal, vice Halloun, reduced.

In Company D 2nd Infantry, the following appointment has been made: Pvt. Frank E. Hinton, to be corporal, vice McGough, reduced.

In Company G, 2nd Infantry, the following appointment has been made: Pvt. John F. Feeley, to be corporal, vice Van Tries, discharged.

ner in the country districts? Perhaps if he would attend to his efficient management of the cheta games and talkers of automobile speeders he would reveal less of his colossal ignorance. In the first place, it is questionable if the government ambulances can be driven fast enough to exceed the speed limit, and in the second place, if they are, why does not this valiant officer arrest the driver instead of reporting him?

I remain,
Sincerely,
A. G. MICHAUD,
Driver of Department Hospital Motor Ambulance.

Gardener Savage, of North Anson, Me., although totally blind for many years, is a telegraph operator, and can take apart and repair his instrument whenever necessary.

West Virginia coal operators say that millions of tons have been ordered by the French government.

BEET SUGAR MEN OF CALIFORNIA FOR PROTECTION

Beet-sugar manufacturers of California were in conference with United States Senators Elihu of California and Newland of Nevada in Phila's office in San Francisco recently.

The retention of a duty of at least 1 per cent on imported sugar was urged as essential to the preservation of the sugar industry, with all the capital invested in this state.

An amendment to the Underwood bill was recommended.

The chief argument was made by Robert Oxnard of the American Beet Sugar Company at Oxnard and Chico. Others present at the conference were:

A. J. Cruickshank, Cooperative Sugar Company, Santa Ana; J. D. Barry, American Beet Sugar Company, Chico; Lawrence W. Harris, Ames-Harris, Nevada Company, San Francisco; Henry C. Lee, Los Angeles Sugar Company, Los Angeles and Los Alamitos; Arthur B. Peck, Anaheim Sugar Company, Los Angeles and Anaheim; C. A. Johnson, Holly Sugar Company, Huntington Beach; F. H. Case, Southern California Sugar Company, Santa Ana.

RESIGNS AS MEMBER OF BOARD OF EXAMINATION; SCHEDULE GIVEN OUT

Because of pressure of work at the high school, Prof. M. B. Balros, vice-principal, has resigned as a member of the board in charge of the term examinations in the local public schools. A successor to Mr. Balros will be appointed within a few days.

The board recently completed the schedule for the term examinations, which will begin on December 8, as follows:

Fifth grade—December 8, story, 9 to 10 o'clock; spelling, 12 to 1 o'clock; December 9, composition, 9 to 11 o'clock; December 10, geography, 9 to 10; December 13, hygiene, 9 to 11; December 14, arithmetic, 9 to 11; December 15, language, 9 to 11. Sixth, seventh and eighth grades—December 9, history, 9 to 11 o'clock; spelling, 12:30 to 1; December 9, literature and composition, 9 to 12 o'clock; December 10, geography, 9 to 12; December 13, hygiene, 9 to 12; December 14, arithmetic, 9 to 12; December 15, grammar or language, 9 to 12.

LETTERS

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

HOW FAST SHOULD AN AMBULANCE GO?

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir: I notice in a recent copy of your paper, an article dealing with the alleged reckless driving of the Department Hospital ambulance. It is with much amusement that I read of Officer San Ferrero's thrilling account of how the ambulance hits the souls of the Kala residents with terror as it dashes madly around corners "at high speed." Does Officer San Ferrero expect the driver to shift into low, or possibly reverse, merely to turn a cor-

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LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—RAYMOND C. BROWN: No, the rain hasn't hurt Kalakaua avenue any. It couldn't.

—L. B. REEVES: Measuring a boat like the Pommern is a man-size job. Nice new clothes are most decidedly unsuited to such a task.

—W. H. HEEN: The weather of the last few days is so much like the sort that is popularly attributed to Hilo that I must admit I feel very much at home.

—JAMES W. ROBERTSON: Rain? This isn't a real rain. Back in the 70's it used to rain five days at a stretch without stopping day or night. The sea used to be all cluttered up with pigs, grass huts and natives after one of those downpours.

—RAYMER SHARP: Every day it becomes more apparent that the department of commerce is giving American shipowners all possible time to comply with the seamen's act in all its requirements. The department is meeting them half way and more.

—FRED L. WALDRON: These rains nowadays remind me of old times in Honolulu. It's been several years since we've had a good old downpour and I rather like it for a change. Seems to me it hasn't rained so hard in the last few years as it used to.

—ROGER J. TAYLOR: The city can't put in a sewer system through Puuoi valley any too soon to suit us residents up there. That deluge Wednesday night flooded all the cesspools in that vicinity, which means a lot of expense to residents who will have to have them pumped out or dig new ones.

—WILLIAM F. YOUNG: It's simply a business proposition between the postoffice and the Great Northern Pacific people, this matter of having the Great Northern carry mail between San Francisco and Honolulu and return. It's just a question of what the Great Northern will perform this service for. I am in hopes she

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will be given the contract. We certainly need her help in relieving this congestion.

Personal Mentions

JUDITH A. D. LARNACH and Mrs. Larnach will leave for the mainland in the Matsushita next Wednesday to visit the exposition and other points of interest in California. They will be away about six weeks.

R. H. CARLEY, former representative and manager of the Maui Telephone Company at Paie, arrived in Honolulu yesterday on business. He will appear before the public utilities commission during the hearing of the telephone company's request for permission to raise its rates.

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